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BACKGROUND

The **Community of Practice (CoP) on food loss reduction** was launched in 2014 within the framework of the RBA joint Project implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). Funded by the Government of Switzerland, the Project *Mainstreaming food loss reduction initiatives for smallholders in food deficit areas* seeks to improve food security and income-generating opportunities through reduction of food losses in supported grain and pulses value chains. The Project identified critical loss points, and supported the piloting of good practices and solutions to reduce post-harvest losses and improve handling and storage in the pilot countries Burkina Faso, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The Project will also support the development of regulatory frameworks covering policy, standards and norms to reduce food losses in food supply chains in each of the countries.

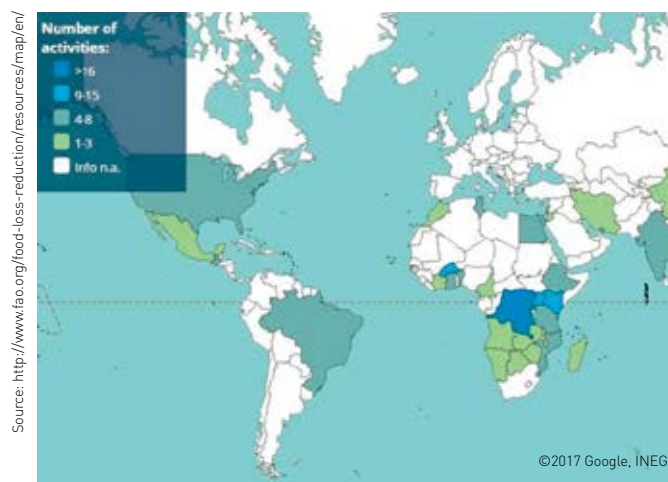
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WHAT IS IT?

The complex problems related to food losses and their impact on food security require a comprehensive, global approach in order to understand their major causes and to identify and promote appropriate and feasible solutions in the various geographic areas and contexts.

The **Community of Practice on food loss reduction** integrates knowledge related to reducing post-harvest losses and acts as a global convener. The CoP provides a platform to facilitate linking and sharing of information among stakeholders, relevant networks, projects and programmes. Information found on the CoP website includes relevant news,

events, online discussions, resources and links to partners. The CoP website also provides a dynamic platform that facilitates the sharing and coordination of information. At the end of 2016, the CoP website, enriched with regularly updated information, had reached over 600 registered members worldwide. CoP members belong to a variety of national and international bodies including universities, academia, research organizations, United Nations Agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector and agricultural services associations. The CoP aims to enlarge its geographical coverage and include food loss reduction solutions for other commodities by 2020.



CoP online mapping of PHM projects.

